

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1 of the specification, between the title of the application and the subtitle “Field of the Invention,” please insert the following paragraph:

**-- JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT**

The invention claimed herein was made by or on behalf of Inion, Ltd. and the University of Zurich who are parties to a joint research agreement. The agreement was executed by the University of Zurich on February 1, 2003 and by Inion on February 17, 2003. The agreement came into effect on February 17, 2003, before the date the claimed invention was made. The agreement concerns the field of bioactive materials for bone formation, and the claimed invention was made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of the agreement. --

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